



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

### FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 865

PRINTER'S NO. 1705

PRIME SPONSOR: Venkat

#### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

Makes eligibility in the Military Family Education Program renewable with each subsequent six-year service commitment in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

#### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 865 amends Subchapter A.1 (Military Family Education Program) of Section 3210 in Title 51 (Military Affairs) to clarify that the Military Family Education Program benefit shall only be renewable with each subsequent six-year service commitment in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The legislation further clarifies that the limitations and assignments of credit hours to other family members established in Section 3210.6 (Limitations) shall apply for each benefit period earned.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on commonwealth funds. Although the expansion of eligibility for the Military Family Education Program may lead to an increase in the number of eligible applications, funding for the program is subject to an annual appropriation from the General Assembly. To account for this, Title 51 Section 3210.5 Subsection D stipulates that the Adjutant General and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs may reduce the maximum amount of the Military Family Education Program grants proportionately or set a limit on the number of participants to ensure that sums expended do not exceed appropriations the if they determine that the amount available for the program in any year will be insufficient.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*